

HOUSE BILL 416

By Sargent

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 67,
Chapter 5 and Title 67, Chapter 6, relative to tax
levied on property.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 67-5-901, is amended by adding the following language as a new subsection:

(c) Incumbent local exchange telephone companies that elect market regulation pursuant to § 65-5-109 and telephone cooperatives organized pursuant to § 65-29-102 shall not be considered public utilities for the purpose of the property tax assessment as described in subdivision (a)(1) and the Constitution of Tennessee, Article II, § 28. Property of incumbent local exchange telephone companies that elect market regulation and property of telephone cooperatives shall be taxed as industrial and commercial property as set forth in subdivision (a)(2) and the Constitution of Tennessee, Article II, § 28.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 67-6-221(b), is amended by deleting the fourth sentence of the subsection.

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 67-6-222, is amended by deleting the section in its entirety.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.